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Navajo Department of Health Health Advisory Notice (HAN)

Expanded Eligibility for COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Dose to All Fully Vaccinated Adults November 19, 2021

WINDOW ROCK, AZ – The Navajo Department of Health and the Navajo Nation Health Command Operations Center are issuing a health advisory for booster doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccines among all fully vaccinated individuals 18 years old and older. American Indian and Alaska Native populations are considered a high-risk population due to disparate chronic health conditions. Expanding the COVID-19 booster dose eligibility for the Navajo Nation will address the widespread and continuing surge of COVID-19 infections. A booster dose is needed for additional protection after the completion of the vaccination series or primary dose. The advisory is to inform Navajo citizens and residents of the recommendation to get a booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible.

Health providers can now offer booster shots to fully vaccinated Navajo citizens and residents 18 years old and older who received any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccines. We recommend Indian Health Service federal and Tribal health providers serving Navajo citizens and residents to follow the expanded eligibility.

Who is eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose?

If you got the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine:

For Navajo citizens or residents who got the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, it is recommended that you should get a booster shot at least 6 months after the second dose of the vaccine.

If you got a Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine:

For Navajo citizens or residents who got the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccine should get a booster shot at least 2 months after their primary dose.

Can I mix and match for a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose?

Yes, some people might prefer a different COVID-19 vaccine type that they originally received. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.

Currently, CDC does not recommend a booster dose in children 5 to 17 years of age.

For more information to help stop the spread of COVID-19, visit the Navajo Department of Health's COVID-19 website: <http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19>. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.